

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraphs [0229] and [0230] with the following amended paragraph:

[0229] At this point the machine is ready to sew pattern 502, except that the web 12 has advanced past the upstream bar 533 and must be backed-up a distance 525 to the position shown in **Fig. 9F** so that pattern 502 can be sewn in a sequence similar to that for sewing pattern 501 described above in connection with **Figs. 9B-9E**. For sewing pattern 502, needles at positions 528 on bar ~~[[534]]~~ 533 are activated to sew tack stitch sequences 517 to start curves 505 which they begin to sew as the web 12 advances a distance 525. The pattern 502 can thus be started at a distance 510 from the end of pattern 501 without material waste. Then, when at the position shown in **Fig. 9G**, needles at positions 526 on bar 534 are activated to sew tack stitch sequences 517 for the start of curves 506. Then the web 12 is advanced further as both bars 533 and 534 of needles stitch curves ~~[[503]]~~ 505 and ~~[[504]]~~ 506 simultaneously until the position of **Fig. 9H** is reached, at which points tack stitch sequences 518 are sewn, the thread is cut and the needles at positions 528 on bar 533 are disabled. Sewing then continues with the needles at positions 526 on bar 534 until the web is at the position illustrated in **Fig. 9I**. At this position of the web 12, the needles of bar 534 sew tack stitch sequences 518, then the threads are cut and the needles of bar 534 are disabled, whereupon the pattern 502 is completed. If another pattern 501 or 502 is to be sewn close to the completed pattern 502, again the web 12 will have to be reversed a distance 525 to the start of the next pattern.

[0230] Because the needle bars 533 and 534 move together, when making the tack stitch sequences 517 in **Figs. 9C** and **9G** and the tack stitch sequences 518 in **Figs. 9D** and **9H**, the needles of the other bar will be active, and, as a result, tack stitch sequences will be sewn midway in the curves being sewn with those other needles. This may be aesthetically undesirable. As an alternative, these needles could be deactivated without cutting the threads, ~~which cause~~ which can cause undesirable thread handling problems with possible slack in the thread sequence or missed stitches resulting. For these and other reasons, sewing pattern combinations having the properties of patterns 501 and 502 as illustrated in **Fig. 9** is preferably performed with the quilter 10, as described below in reference to **Figs. 9J-9N**.